

James Hill ("Hamish") Barber



Former professor of general practice University of Glasgow (b 1933; q Edinburgh 1957; MD, FRCGP, FRCP), d 26 August 2007.

After five years in the Royal Air Force, James Hill Barber ("Hamish") obtained his MD while working as a general practitioner in Callendar. He was the first general practitioner appointed to the Livingston project, involving joint hospital and general practice appointments. In 1972 he was appointed senior lecturer at Glasgow University, writing *The Textbook of General Practice Medicine* and becoming the first professor of general practice. His innovations over two decades included computer assisted learning, a module based MSc in general practice, and health visitor-led preventive programmes. An expert yachtsman and model boat builder, Hamish had 10 fishing boats on permanent display at the Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther. He leaves a wife, Marion; four children from his first marriage; and 11 grandchildren.

Graham Watt
John Howie

Francis Oughterson Brown

Former consultant radiologist Stirling Royal Infirmary (b 1921; q Cambridge/Glasgow 1945; FRFPS, FRCP, FRCR), died from dermatomyositis on 16 May 2007.

After qualifying, Francis Oughterson Brown was posted to the Canal Zone, Palestine, and Cyprus with the Royal

Army Medical Corps. In the post-war confusion he enjoyed working around regulations—for example, converting sick parade into individual appointments and presenting the sick report in verse. He was appointed to Stirling Royal Infirmary as consultant in 1959, retiring in 1983. He enjoyed providing a general diagnostic service, and invasive investigations before digital imaging took over. He also trained foreign



radiologists in Stirling and Sierra Leone, and served on the hospital and Forth Valley Health Boards. He leaves a wife, Betty; two children; and four grandchildren.

Colin Brown

Adrian Michael Easty

Former general practitioner Swinton, Manchester (b 1931; q Manchester 1956; DRCOG, MRCP), died from myeloid leukaemia on 13 August 2007.

Adrian Michael Easty worked as a family practitioner for 33 years. Latterly his special interest was hill and long distance walking. He was happy in his last years to have completed the 930 miles walking along the Way of St James, from Le Puy in France to Santiago de Compostella, at the end of the Spanish Camino. He leaves a wife, Mary, and three children.

A M Easty

June Mary Fletcher

Former general practitioner Chippenham (b 1927; q Bristol 1946), died from recurrent cancer on 15 November 2006.

June Mary Fletcher (née Smith) held posts as registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology and in paediatrics in Bristol. In 1953 she settled in general practice in Chippenham, where she specialised in obstetrics in the local maternity hospital. She was also the medical officer to a local 30-bed former isolation hospital, and provided inpatient care for general and elderly patients in the two other community hospitals. She was for many years the chair of the governors of two comprehensive schools, and active in local literary groups. Predeceased by her husband, Wallace, she leaves three stepchildren.

N D Whyatt

Dorothea Koffman (née Herrmann)

Former specialist in community medicine (child health) Leicestershire Area Health Authority (b 1916; q Berne, Switzerland, 1949; DPH, FFPHM, FRCPC), died after an intracerebral haemorrhage on 20 July 2007.

Dorothea Koffman grew up in Berlin between the world wars but was unable to attend a German university because her mother was Jewish. She began her studies in Prague in 1935, transferring to Switzerland when the political situation worsened. Unable to return to Germany, she visited her childhood sweetheart, Jurij, in England, acquiring his Soviet citizenship when they married; later they were both naturalised British. After qualification, Dorothea began work in otolaryngology in England, after which she gravitated to public health. She combined community child health services in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland, retiring in 1978. Following Jurij's death in 1989, Dorothea became an expert on the life and work of Charles Darwin.

Andrew Koffmann

Rita Statham

Former medical officer in family planning Nottingham (b 1932; q Manchester 1956; MRCOG, MFFP), died from breast cancer and *Clostridium difficile* on 8 March 2007.

Rita Statham trained as an obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Jessop Hospital for Women. She married Roy Statham and moved to Nottingham in the 1960s. Rita worked in the Nottingham Family Planning Association, training doctors and nurses and running family planning clinics. She was also clinical assistant in obstetrics in the Firs Maternity and City Hospitals, Nottingham, for over 20 years. She retired in 1995. She leaves Roy, three daughters, and three grandsons.

Lesley Baker

Edward Hamilton Wood



Former consultant surgeon Royal Alexandria Hospital, Rhyl (b 1937; q Birmingham 1961; FRCSEd), died from a heart attack on 26 August 2006. Ed Wood trained as a general and vascular surgeon at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, having completed his house jobs in Hereford and post-registration appointments in obstetrics and accident and emergency medicine in Birmingham. He was appointed consultant surgeon in 1974 but retired on grounds of ill health in 1989. He was in great demand as a quiz master. He leaves his former wife, Jane; partner, Jed; three children; and three grandchildren.

Campbell Mackenzie